

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2007-356-W/S

APPLICATION OF PALMETTO STATE UTILITY SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. ("Applicant"), has filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to operate and maintain water supply distribution and wastewater collection facilities in South Carolina.

According to the Application, following a competitive bid process, the Defense Energy Supply Center on behalf of the United States Army, awarded the Applicant's parent, American States Utility Services ("ASUS"), a contract ("Contract") to own, operate and maintain the water distribution and wastewater collection utility systems at Fort Jackson Army Installation ("the Base") and to operate and maintain for a temporary period the Weston Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. Operations and maintenance under the Contract are expected to commence on January 1, 2008, following a transition period which has already commenced. The Application reveals that prior to the end of said transition period, ASUS will novate the Contract to Applicant. According to Black's Law Dictionary, a novation substitutes a new party and discharges one of the original parties to a contract by agreement of all parties. Under the Contract, Applicant will assume ownership and operation of existing water distribution and wastewater collection utility facilities owned and operated by the Federal Government and provide service through such facilities to only one customer, the Federal Government, which shall pay all fees for the services.

With respect to rates, the Applicant will charge its one customer, the Federal Government, a monthly contract rate for its services pursuant to the Contract. Thus, the Applicant requests that the Commission approve the Applicant's fixed-fee charges (rates) to the Federal Government per the Contract as just and reasonable.

A copy of the Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Marcus A. Manos, Esquire, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, Post Office Drawer 2426, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **November 12, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-356-W/S.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Marcus A. Manos, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **November 12, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-356-W/S.*

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **November 12, 2007**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-356-W/S.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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